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MAYOR GARCETTI BREAKS GROUND ON NEW $1.6 BILLION LAX TERMINAL

LOS ANGELES — Mayor Eric Garcetti broke ground today on a new, $1.6 billion terminal at LAX that will make traveling through the airport easier, and help bring even more visitors to L.A. from around the world.

The 750,000-square-foot Midfield Satellite Concourse will improve LAX by adding 12 new gates, a new baggage system, and additional dining and shopping amenities for travelers. The Mayor joined Councilmembers Mike Bonin, Bob Blumenfield and Joe Buscaino along with Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA) leaders to unveil plans for the terminal.

“LAX means so much to L.A.’s economy — it’s an incredible job-creator that employs more than 50,000. A record 47.3 million tourists visited our city last year — that's why we’re investing billions to make it one of the premier airports in the world,” said Mayor Garcetti. “The Midfield Satellite Concourse is a transformational project that will put thousands of people to work and help extend L.A.’s worldwide reach even further.

The new, sustainably designed terminal will be an extension of Tom Bradley International Terminal (TBIT). It will be located in the airfield just west of TBIT, and will connect passengers to it directly through a 1,000-foot underground tunnel.

"LAX is quickly becoming the world-class airport that Angelenos demand and deserve," said Councilmember Mike Bonin. "I am especially excited that the Midfield Satellite Concourse will incorporate a number of sustainability features, such as using passive daylight lighting for the interior spaces, water-saving plumbing fixtures and a cool roof that reduces heat absorption. These eco-friendly features will go a long way to minimizing the environmental impact of this needed new facility, and will further LAWA's commitment to make LAX a world class airport that is also a first-class neighbor."

The additional capacity created by Midfield Satellite Concourse will enable LAX to add flights to destinations around the world, relieve congestion at other terminals, and make operations at the airport smoother for travelers.

“As chair of the committee that oversees LAX, I am thrilled to help to help break ground on a project that will help transform our airport into the state of the art, environmentally friendly, amenity filled, and beautiful facility it needs to be,” said Councilmember Bob Blumenfield, chair of the Council’s Innovation, Grants,

Technology, Commerce and Trade Committee. “The Midfield Satellite Concourse project will employ thousands and benefit millions.”

"Los Angeles is ground zero for new construction and infrastructure investment. Our downtown is growing, our public transportation infrastructure is expanding, our waterfront is developing and so it is appropriate that we are investing billions into modernizing the second busiest airport in the country," said Councilman Joe Buscaino.

Construction of the new terminal is expected to create 6,000 new jobs and produce more than $300 million in direct wages. And more than $195 million of that work will go to small businesses.

“This long-awaited element of LAX’s massive modernization effort continues the transformation of LAX,” said Los Angeles Board of Airport Commissioners President Sean Burton. “With nearly 81 million passengers in 2016, and projections for more in the future, LAX is leading the nation in airport infrastructure improvement with innovative design, state-of-the-art features and efficiencies that will return LAX to iconic status and give travelers the world-class experience they expect and deserve.”

“Our passengers will soon experience LAX in a new and exciting way,” said Los Angeles World Airports Chief Executive Officer Deborah Flint. “With our vision of delivering gold-standard airports, the Midfield Satellite Concourse will be built with sustainability principles and architectural features that reflect Los Angeles with great views and natural daylight. We will provide our guests a new concourse ready for the technology enhancements of tomorrow.”

The Midfield Satellite Concourse is set for completion in 2019. The terminal is just one piece of a $14 billion modernization plan that includes upgrades to nearly every terminal in the airport, and a generational rail project that will connect airport passengers directly into L.A.’s public transportation system.

For more information about the LAX modernization, visit www.laxishappening.com.

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